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PATENT APPLICATION
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 10017862-1

IN THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): John A. Morrison, et al.

Confirmation No.: 7445

Application No.: 09/998,629

Examiner: M. Yigdall

Filing Date: Dec. 3, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2122

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR HIGH AVAILABILITY FIRMWARE LOAD

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment () Petition to extend time to respond
() New fee as calculated below () Supplemental Declaration
(X) No additional fee
(X) Other: Return Post Card (fee \$)

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TOTAL CLAIMS	3	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$50	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	1	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$200	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$360	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$120.00	2ND MONTH \$450.00	3RD MONTH \$1020.00	4TH MONTH \$1590.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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Respectfully submitted,

John A. Morrison, et al.

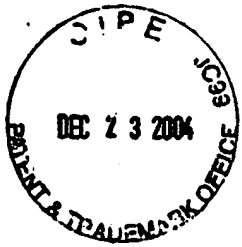
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the first office action dated September 23, 2004.

IN THE CLAIMS section begins on page 2 of this response.

REMARKS section begins on page 4 of this response.